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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 1997 MEETING

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on March 13, 1997, 10:00 a.m., House Committee Room 6, of the Louisiana State Capitol. In attendance were Board members Hillary J. Crain, Chairman, James Boyer, General Sherian Cadoria, Judge Robert Fleming, Ecotry Fuller, Ralph Perlman, and ex-officio members Sec. John N. Kennedy and Col. W.R. "Rut" Whittington.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crain. He called upon Ms. Jenifer Schaye, Director of the Attorney General's Gaming Division, who presented a summary of the law and licensing procedures pertaining to awarding of the 15th riverboat license.

The Board received requests from some of the applicants of the 15th license, to allow the filing of last minute information they deemed necessary based upon questions that had arisen as a result of the March 6, 1997 meeting. Chairman Crain said he would the allow applicants to present this information to the Board. Mr. Gordon Stevens, President of New Orleans Steamboat, said they had commissioned an independent company to do a hydrological survey concerning the sailing issue, and that it would be delivered later that evening to the Board. He stated that their survey indicated their boat would be able to sail, despite the Board receiving information from State Police stating it probably would not be able to sail in Bayou Bienvenue because of water depth.

Chairman Crain then called upon the Hollywood applicants. Walt Evans, an attorney representing Hollywood, entered into the record documentation stating that HWCC, Louisiana Inc., and DeBartelo Entertainment Louisiana, had formed a Louisiana Limited Liability Company, Hollywood DeBartelo Entertainment Louisiana, L.L.C.

The Chairman then called upon Lt. Adam White, Head of the Louisiana State Police Riverboat Gaming Division and Trooper Glen Verrett, lead investigating officer on the LCCI application, to discuss some issues concerning this applicant. Mr. Joseph Brantley, attorney for LCCI, also answered questions regarding this applicant.

After all the questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction, Board member Ecotry Fuller made a motion to vote on awarding the 15th riverboat license. Mr. Fuller's motion was on behalf of Hollywood/DeBartelo as the applicant to receive the license. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer. The Board voted unanimously to award the 15th Riverboat license to Hollywood/DeBartelo, L.L.C., subject to conditions that will be imposed by the Board when they are formulated and subject to a favorable local option vote.

There being no further business, General Cadoria moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fuller. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.